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HBRA Newsletter – March 2022

President's message

Welcome to the second edition of our Newsletter.

The Newsletter aim is to provide feedback on some of issues that affect the residents and rate payers of the City of Holdfast Bay.

Whilst HBRA will take up issues with different levels of Government should you feel strongly about a particular issue you can approach Council, and elected representatives directly.

I encourage you to send this Newsletter to your neighbours and fellow residents. We also ask that you encourage them to join HBRA as the larger numbers ensure that we have a greater voice with the different levels of government.

Thanks to our small hard-working committee for their dedication, tenacity and pride in their community. If you have a sense of community, we encourage you to consider joining the committee.

Should you be interested in joining the committee I am more than happy to discuss so please give me a call. Additionally, if there is any issue you wish to discuss please contact either myself or a committee member. Contact details are listed on the last page of the Newsletter.

Keep safe.

Kind regards

Ken Daly
President

Facebook posts by Mayor

In late October 2021, a byelection was held for the Ward of Somerton.

A number of posts were made on the Mayor's personal Facebook page including an alleged alteration of the Electoral Commission Ballot paper.

This is the log of events that then occurred:

1. A complaint was made to the Electoral commission in relation to the posts,
2. On the 8 November 2021 the Electoral Commission issued a determination on the matter that is confidential to the parties involved,
3. After some time the posts were taken down,
4. The election was held with the primary vote being won by the candidate who was affected by the posts with 493 votes the winner received 55 less votes of 438. The election was decided on preference votes,
5. At a Council meeting on 14 December 2022 the Mayor made a statement relating to the matter. No details of the statement are recorded in the minutes of that meeting,
6. A Code of Conduct complaint was raised by the effected candidate which resulted the Council seeking an independent legal opinion on the matter,
7. The opinion was tabled at the council meeting 25 January 2022 on a confidential basis with no details being released to the public, and
8. Councillors are barred from discussing any aspects of the Council meeting of 25 January 2022 including the findings under threat of fines and other disciplinary actions.

HBRA has written to the Council asking a number of detailed questions in relation to this matter and requesting greater transparency and related documentation.

The only form of communication to the voters and residents of our City has been a small article in the Advertiser.

Our motivation is to ensure that the integrity of our electoral system is respected and maintained.

We will keep you informed on developments in this matter.

Brighton Road, Hove Crossing

A road corridor planning study is underway for the macro traffic plan for greater Adelaide including Brighton Road.

Work is due to commence in late 2022 for completion in mid-2024.

We will continue to monitor the outcome and advise.

40 Kilometre per hour speed limit

After receiving feedback from our members that overwhelmingly opposed the imposing of the 40km per hour limit across the City of Holdfast Bay, HBRA sent a submission to Council as part of the public consultation process. We have been advised that there were some 600 responses from the public consultation.

Whilst we await Council decision on the matter this does not preclude members from discussing the matter with elected members.

Traffic Control McAuley School and Surrounding Streets

Our main concerns are the safety of the parents and children during school pick up times. The restriction of traffic during these times in our opinion does not provide an adequate and safe environment. In addition, the type of speed bumps installed along King George Avenue are inappropriate.

Over 2 years ago HBRA representatives attended a Council sponsored forum/consultation relating to traffic and associated issues within the Council precinct and as yet, despite requests, have not been provided with a report.

HBRA has written to the Council raising the issues and seeking a safer solution. Council have responded stating that they have employed a new Traffic consultant and that our concerns will be discussed shortly.

Discussions have commenced with the new Traffic consultant.

Glenelg Police Station (GPS) Operating Hours and Procedures

The issues are in relation to the restricted hours of operation of the Glenelg Police station and a lack of a Police presence at Glenelg in comparison to other areas of Adelaide.

We have continued to ask the Minister of Police and local state members for the electorates of Gibson and Morphett for the establishment of an operational police station at Glenelg that has comparable opening hours to the Henley Beach and Sturt Police stations.

We have recently been advised by the member for Morphett that there has been increased focus on security in the Glenelg precinct. This has taken the form of the installation of CCTV and increased patrolling by police dispatched from Henley Beach. There has also been the establishment of Operation Jericho between the dates of 3/2/2022 to 30/3/2022 that has been tasked to investigate strategies for the prevention of crime. Additionally, a Roundtable on Homeless and Anti-Social Behaviour has also been established.

So recently there has been positive activity to increase the security.

The Jetty Road traders, Council and Residents have been simply asking for the last 3 years for the return of the Glenelg Police Station to one that has operational capability and comparable hours to the Henley Beach and Sturt Police stations.

This has not been delivered.

A petition driven by Council has been instigated by Council members. It is directed to the Members of the House of Assembly and is titled South Australian Police presence in Jetty Road and Moseley Square.

The text of the petition includes:

“Background: The City of Holdfast Bay has actively lobbied to State Government to seek an increased police presence in Glenelg.

Traders in Jetty Road, Glenelg precinct have been reporting increased crime and antisocial behaviour in the area, there being a marked escalation in the frequency and severity of such behaviour since the Christmas period.

South Australian Police have responded to the increase in crime and antisocial behaviour with the temporary introduction of a Tactical Response Team until 30 March 2022. While Council supports this initiative, it would like the additional police presence to be made permanent.”

The petition is located in the city’s libraries we encourage you to consider signing the petition.

We have recently approached the ALP candidates for Gibson and Morphett asking for their position on the matter and await their reply.

Council Electoral Representative Review

As advised in our July 2021 newsletter the Council had an opportunity to restructure the number of Elected members. The suggested restructure would have represented a cost savings of up to \$500,000 over a 4-year period. Whilst the Council followed the legislated procedures, they missed an opportunity to not only have a more viable Council but also a more efficient and streamlined structure.

Why does the city of Holdfast Bay have one elected member per 2311 electors in comparison to the City of Onkaparinga which has one elected member per 10,611 electors.

Our position remains unchanged - we are over governed with the cost being borne by the rate payers.

Seawall Apartment Development.

A copy by email was sent to our members of the Advertiser article dated 2/2/22. The article detailed a favourable outcome from the recent court case. The decision recognised the rights of residents and Council to challenge the development approval process. and respect their rights and zoning classifications.

This is an important decision and we await the next step by the developers. As you would now be aware the Seawall Apartment Development has been rejected by an Extraordinary SCAP meeting held 30th June 2021. We attended this meeting in support of those parties presenting cases against the development in the form presented by the developers.

Council Annual Business Plan – 2022/23

The Council normally releases its draft budget in April – May. On receipt we will complete a summary of the highlights and ask members for input in order to clarify and address concerns on the budget.

Seacliff Proposed Amenities Building and Beach Access.

We have had a meeting and discussions with several councillors regarding this matter and have been advised that they do not all agree with what has been proposed.

On 7th March we forwarded to members our proposed feedback. We have been advised by the 5049 Community Group that they are in general agreement with the proposal.

The Council has called for public consultation, submissions close on 10th of March should you wish to provide further commentary to Council we suggest that you do so via Council's website.

Council will continue to debate the proposal considering community feedback and various expert opinions.

Seacliff - Unsightly Planning Approval

A shed has been built on 43 Marine Parade (Corner of Wheatland Street) Seacliff and has impacted greatly on the adjoining residents and the streetscape. An onsite demonstration was recently held, with many people attending. The 5049 Group has also been involved in strongly supporting the residents.

The shed was approved under State Government legislation which side tracks Council and residents in the approval process. The matter is being pursued further by the residents and council.

The approval represents an example of poor planning regulations in this state. Many organisations and residents are rightly concerned that unless the Planning and Heritage regulations are reviewed, preservation of local character and consideration of resident opinions and input in the planning approval process will continue to be eroded.

This is also a major issue that our peak body CASA is pursuing with the State political parties.

Community Alliance SA (CASA)

CASA is a volunteer organisation that umbrellas community groups such as ours and provides a voice to the State government including issues involving planning, heritage, legislation and the environment.

Recently we attended an afternoon workshop where we discussed the future of CASA and the role they should play in regard to being involved with Community Residential groups and their liaison with those important matters with State and Local governments.

Lithium Battery Disposal concerns

Our committee has ongoing concerns about the dangers of incorrect disposal of lithium batteries, including button batteries and 6v lantern batteries. We fear that many batteries end up at landfill sites.

In lieu of throwing them in the waste please use the Battery collection boxes in Holdfast Bay Council Building at Brighton, Glenelg and Woolworth stores.

Facebook and HBRA Website

We are endeavouring to bring this aspect of our communication up to speed and we appreciate your patience in our doing so.

For a number of months now our Facebook page has been posting historical pictures of the area thanks to our publicity officer Maurice Dunstan. They are very interesting and well worth a viewing. Our intention is to develop both the Website and the Facebook page to provide a platform to enhance our communication. Work is currently being completed by the volunteers to upgrade these in the short term.

The Facebook address is Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance and the Webpage is:

https://sacommunity.org/org/217737-Holdfast_Bay_Residents_Alliance_Inc.

If you have an IT background and are in a position to assist your input would be greatly appreciated.

Membership

HBRA:

- Provides support, advocacy and independent information to resident ratepayers of Holdfast Bay
- Seeks transparency and accountability of the expenditure by Council of your ratepayer dollar.
- Closely monitors how the elected members and the Administration are setting and administrating policies

We raise issues and work with a number of organisations including but not limited to the Mayor, elected Councillors and the staff at the City of Holdfast Bay, as well as with the State Government local MPs and Federal Government local MPs

As a Volunteer, non-political organisation, we do our best to assist local interest groups, and have a good network of supporters throughout the State.

Our annual membership fee has been kept at the very reasonable price of \$15 per household. The majority of monies received are applied to administration fees there are no paid positions.

Membership by Electronic banking: Remit \$15 to our bank, Bank SA BSB 105-015 Account No. 129415940 (Please include your name as the reference)

Alternatively, you may renew or join by post:

Call our Treasurer today to receive a membership form. Send this signed form with a cheque made out to HBRA for \$15 and mail to HBRA, PO Box 1182 Glenelg South 5045.

For those who are former members or are on our mailing list, we welcome your renewed support. New members are very welcome.

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